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Canada geese pose issues at Eagle Lake beach

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

In the same week the water at Eagle Lake beach was posted as unsafe for bathing by the local health unit, residents voiced concern over the increasing numbers of Canada geese.

Leading the charge is longtime resident Allan Bagg, who was amazed at how many he has seen recently.

"I came down here two mornings in a row there was at least 50 of them right in here," he said, pointing at the cement pad boat launch beside the beach area.

"They were just feeding up in there

and some in here," pointing at the grassy

This was a couple of weeks ago and he remembers many were smaller than full size adults. He points out the goose poop in the beach and grass area, which he said is a source of food and draws them.

"It's got to go. Dig it right out. They got to rototill it out of here," he said.

This will eliminate their main food source for the geese and reduce their numbers and help with reducing the bac-teria levels of the beach water, he added.

(The beach is no longer posted and is now open. Testing happens each week. Check www.hkpr.on.ca for up to date readings.)

Area Councillor Walt McKechnie, who lives on the lake a few kilometres from

see TOWNSHIP page 3



Carnival surprise

Logan Fitzpatrick didn't expect to get to go to a carnival when his family decided to visit friends on Esson Lake. His frog-catching skills at Bob's Frogs, one of Wilberforce Summer Carnival's many attractions, won him these beauties. The carnival took place on July 29, 30, and 31 and featured Gable Bros Shows Midway, Logan's favourite spot to spend a Sunday afternoon. More on page 4. ANGELA LONG Staff

County without ambulances on multiple occasions

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Eight times in the first six months of 2016 there were zero ambulances available in Haliburton County, those incidents equating to a total of 12 hours.

EMS director and paramedic chief Craig Jones delivered that news to county council as he presented a report of call volumes for the first half of the year dur-

ing a July 27 meeting.
"It's difficult to call people in at night,"
Jones said. "It's a balancing act, it's a

Algonquin Highlands Reeve and Haliburton County Warden Carol Moffatt wondered where the tipping point was, how long it would be before the municipality and the statement of the pality would have to increase the number of manned ambulances available.

"In reality, how far away is that for us?" Moffatt asked.

Jones said it was difficult to provide an exact timeframe and that while obviously the ideal situation is to never be without an available ambulance, "that's a perfect world, and no one can do that. It's a balance of risk mitigation."

The county has one 24-hour and one see RESPONSE page 2

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Response times hard to reach in rural areas

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12-hour ambulance stationed at its base in Haliburton village, one 24-hour ambulance at its Minden base and one 12-hour ambulance at its base in Tory Hill.

"Call volumes continue to rise," Jones said, explaining they were up seven per cent over 2015 and have risen nearly 16 per cent since 2014.

Seventy-five per cent of patients are over the age of 60





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and the most common type of call is for falls. So far this year, the Haliburton base has handled more than twice as many calls as either the Minden or Tory Hill bases, which Jones pointed out is because the Haliburton base is equipped with twice as many ambulances.

During the first six months of 2016, the Haliburton base received 1,723 calls, the Minden base 781 and the Tory Hill base 535

Meeting and exceeding response time targets is more easily achieved in Minden Hills and Dysart et al townships due to the presence of bases and that those townships are more densely populated than Highlands East

and Algonquin Highlands.

In Algonquin Highlands, response times targets are not being met in any category.

"Geography and availability of resources to this area are the primary reasons," Jones's report read.

Moffatt asked what could be done to meet targets in Algonquin Highlands and Jones responded that having a 24-hour ambulance stationed in the township would really be the only way.

The average response time in Algonquin Highlands is 17 minutes and 34 seconds. The average for Highlands East is 16 minutes 32 seconds; for Minden Hills 10 minutes 32 seconds; and for Dysart et al, eight minutes and

Overall for the county, 40 per cent of the time, paramedics are getting to patients within eight minutes.

Under the department's deployment plan, Jones said the number of non-urgent transfers out of the county have been reduced.

"Some of those transfers can take three hours," he said. Due to the lack of certain services at the county's hospitals, some patients must be transferred out of the county to locations such as Lindsay, Peterborough and sometimes Toronto.

While the number of calls Haliburton paramedics have responded to outside county borders has fallen to 124 versus 150 after the first six months of 2015, the number of calls inside the county being handled by other EMS providers has risen from 132 to 150.

An issue with call prioritization that Jones said many Ontario paramedic chiefs are advocating to have changed deals with the classification of Code 4 calls. Code 4 calls are life-threatening emergencies. Many of them don't turn out to be life-threatening emergencies, however, but once an ambulance is assigned to a Code 4 call, it cannot be reassigned.

"Of our 1,131 patient-carrying calls, 56 per cent of them were dispatched as a life-threatening emergency Code 4," Jones's report reads. "In alarming contrast, we only returned on a Code 4 14 per cent of the time. The provincially developed dispatch tool 'over prioritizes' calls. This negatively affects the availability of resources to respond as once an ambulance is assigned to a Code 4, it cannot be reassigned. If the tool over prioritized less, it would allow for the more efficient and medically appropriate allocation of the county's ambulances.'

Councillors resolved to send a correspondence to the province regarding the Code 4 issue.

80 per cent smoke detector compliance

The local fire department conducted an annual smoke and carbon monoxide alarm inspection of 100 homes on Monday, July 25, finding 80 per cent compliance with the

Fifteen firefighters were involved in the effort, which involved going door to door checking for smoke alarms in all homes and carbon monoxide detectors in homes with fuel burning appliances or attached garages.

According to a press release from the Haliburton Fire Department, 20 per cent of homes were non-compliant.

"The most common issue with failed inspection

was the presence of outdated smoke alarms. People are reminded that their smoke detectors expire after ten years from the date of manufacturing. The date is printed usually on the back of the alarm, if there is no date then the alarm needs to be replaced," said Mike Iles, fire chief, in the release.

No tickets were issued, but people were reminded that it is the law and that smoke and carbon monoxide

Accident on Kennisis sends boy to hospital

Five firefighters from the Haliburton Fire Department responded to a call at Kennisis Lake Marina that a fiveyear-old boy had fallen off rocks on the lake just before 6 p.m. on Wednesday July 27, fire chief Mile Iles told the *Echo* in a phone interview. The boy was airlifted to Toronto. No other details were currently available, said

- Angela Long

Correction

An article in last week's Haliburton Echo stated the new Home Hardware was going to be 40,000 square feet in size. The proposed store will be 20,000 square feet. The *Echo* regrets the error.

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Township open to suggestions to deter geese

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the beach on Moose Lake, said this problem isn't exclusive to Eagle Lake, as everyone with a lake faces it.

McKechnie said he uses a barrier, plastic owl and his pet cat and dog to help deter geese from feeding on his

property, which he said is primarily weeds.

He's open to any idea to help the situation. One example he cited was rope with reflective tape, which is being used at Haliburton Lake. He said if he had the answer to the goose problem he'd "be a rich man."

Dysart's parks and recreation manager Andrew Wilbee, who was on vacation, wasn't aware of this issue, but in an email said he appreciated Bagg's rototilling idea and thinks it will make the "beach look and feel better." He wasn't sure if it would resolve the problem.

Bagg lives on the lake and has been a resident for 48 years and he has never seen so many geese or postings for unsafe beach water. He's at a loss for where the geese are coming from.

"If it wasn't for that beach there I wouldn't care," he said. "I don't even know why I'm caring anyway. I don't have any kids that use it anymore. [There used to be a reason] when our kids were smaller, but the people that are using it are mostly strangers. I can go in there on a busy day and bet you wouldn't know two or three peo-

He just loves the area and wants others to do so as

"I'm an Eagle Laker. I've been here ever since I've moved here and I like the little community and I don't think we should take a back seat. We don't ask for a whole lot out here," he said.

Dysart chief administrative officer Tamara Wilbee said she didn't know how much of a problem the geese were.

She said with the township's summer swimming lessons held there this year they were more than willing to examine the situation for resolutions.

"We will definitely look into it and see. We're doing swimming lessons there too so we want it to be safe,

Wilbee said with the ongoing shoreline rehabilitation demonstration site at Sam Slick Park across from the high school, they are looking at what's working there to see what could be applied to Eagle Lake.

Wilbee said numerous factors contribute to bacteria levels that lead to beaches being posted by the health unit, but admits no one wants geese and what they leave behind.

"There are so many factors. Geese are just one piece. It definitely doesn't help when there is goose poop all over the beach," she said.



There are so many factors. Geese are just one piece.

— Dysart CAO Tamara Wilbee

Gallagher recognized for garden column

Haliburton Echo and County Life columnist Belinda Gal-

lagher has been honoured for her writing in the papers. Her series of articles, Gardening in the Wild, have won the silver medal for circulation under 30,000 in the Association of Garden Communicators Media Awards.

Those making the silver medal round, are entered into the gold medal round. Gold medal winners will be announced at the GWA's annual conference and expo in Atlanta, Ga.

According to their website, the award is believed to be the "only national online media awards contest for the gardening communications industry."

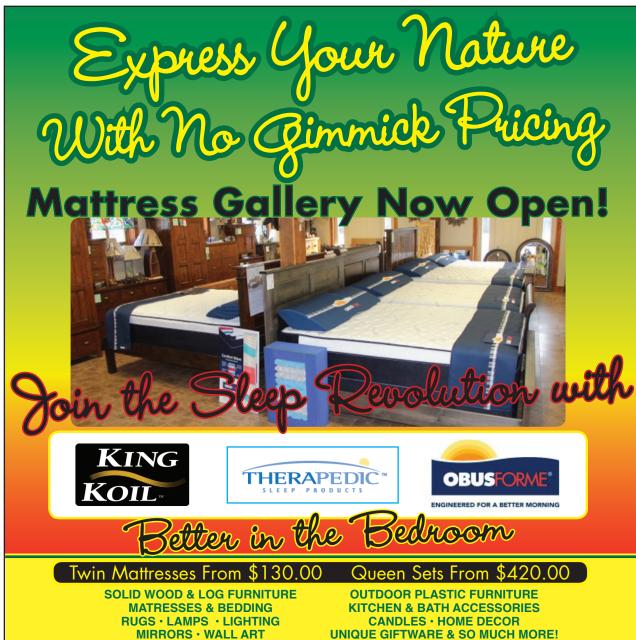
The awards were developed to recognize excellence in gardening-related communications.

Gallagher instructs at the University of Guelph in sustainable urban horticulture, is a master gardener emeritus and is former head of horticulture at the Royal Botanical Gardens in Hamilton. She lives in Tory Hill.

Gallagher's column is a regular feature in the Haliburton Echo and County Life and runs under the title: Garden



Eagle Lake resident Allan Bagg is disappointed about how the public beach near his home has been facing an ever-increasing population of Canadian geese and their droppings. Bagg, a resident for 48 years, has noticed upwards of 50 geese that come from the lake. He believes getting rid of the grass in the immediate area is one method to not only eliminate their food source, but reduce their numbers. /DARREN **LUM Staff**



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Wilberforce's Summer Carnival raises fun and funds

Catching frogs isn't easy, but Kai Elford has lots of experience as a Haliburton County cottager. At the Wilberforce Fair, held at Wilberforce fairgrounds on July 29, 30 and 31, Kai caught frogs at Bob's Frogs, one of the midway's hotspots on a Sunday afternoon. The three-day action-packed carnival was an initiative of the Highlands East Fire Heritage Committee to create an event to support local fundraising groups and, of course, to have fun.

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The gates have just opened and people are already lining up for the first Wilberforce Summer Carnival.





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Avery Kinch hangs on tight at the Wilberforce Summer Carnival. The Spider Man ride was one of many fun things to do.



Highlands East Councillor Joan Barton, right, volunteers with husband (or "first gentleman," as she calls him) at the Wilberforce Summer Carnival held at Wilberforce fairgrounds on July 29, 30 and 31. The couple was accepting donations for the Highlands East Fire Heritage Committee's pumper restoration

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County council responds to OPP superintendent

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Haliburton County councillors will be sending a letter to OPP municipal policing bureau superintendent Marc Bedard, taking issue with a recent letter to the editor Bedard sent to the *Haliburton Echo*.

In May, Haliburton County lodged a

complaint with Ontario's ombudsman over the OPP billing formula the province introduced in 2015. County councillors contend the formula is flawed, unfairly impacting cottage country communities since seasonal residences are weighted the same as year-round homes.

The collective OPP bill of the county's four lower-tier townships is nearly doubling from approximately \$3 million to approximately \$6 million during the five-

"At the root of our concern with the new formula is the fact that base costs are allocated on a 'per household' basis that includes residential units, farmlands on which a farm residence exists, and seasonal dwelling units," the county's submission. "In addition, the formula takes into account fully occupied commercial and industrial business properties. We believe the calculation of households is systemically unfair for a number of rea-

The submission went on to discuss in

I was concerned about the inaccuracies in the letter and the fact that it makes it sound like we have an issue with the OPP themselves.

Liz Danielsen

Bedard was published in the Echo, calling the formula equitable and, in his words, 'clarifying" some details from a story on the correspondence to the ombudsman.

"We don't fight our battles in the newspaper, but I was concerned about the inaccuracies in the letter and the fact that it makes it sound like we have an issue with the OPP themselves," Danielsen said.

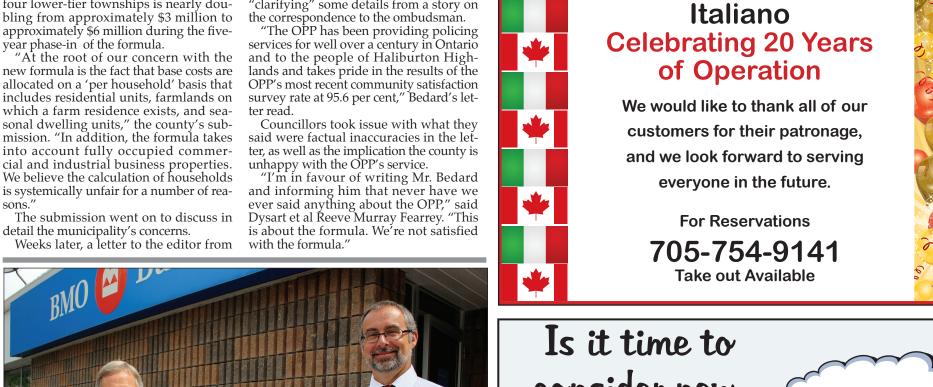
Councillors reiterated the county is pleased with the service it receives from

Both Fearrey and Algonquin Highlands Reeve and County Warden Carol Moffatt

Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz questioned the appropriateness of Bed-Danielsen agreed. questioned the appropriateness of Bed-ard's letter in the first place.

"I think it's inappropriate, first of all, that he even wrote a letter," Fearrey said. "That's just my opinion."

"I think it was inappropriate," Moffatt said. "I'm not sure why a person of that stature in the organization felt the need to highjack our position, which has never been, as you've already said, against the local officers."





BMO helps house Highland residents

Chairman of Hiahland Yard committee Jack Russel, left, and Haliburton Bank of Montreal branch manager Richard Wannan display the latest donation to Highland Yard - a charity run for Places for People. More than \$12,000 was donated by local businesses and individuals for the 45th annual event that took place on Sunday, July 31, in Minden. All proceeds go toward providing affordable housing to those in need. Russel says he hopes this will be "the beginning of a long friendship." Wannan hopes so too, saying how "it's important to be part of the community." ANGELA LONG Staff

Traffic stop leads to arrest

On Wednesday, July 26, at 9:30 p.m. an officer from the Haliburton Highlands OPP spoke to a driver of a motor vehicle in the area of Tattersall Road and Clipper Lane.

During the course of the investigation it was determined by the officer that the man had been consuming alcohol and he was showing signs of impairment. As a result, he was arrested for impaired operation of a motor vehicle. The man was then transported to the Haliburton Highlands detachment.

The driver, a 49-year-old from Dysart et al, has been charged with driving with more than 80 mgs of alcohol in his blood.

He is scheduled to answer to the charge on Oct. 5 in the Ontario Court of Justice in

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Things we throw away

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SIDE EFFECT of not having municipal garbage collection in Haliburton County is the confrontation we have each week with the things we

Every Sunday, as I drive my car over the perpetually shifting roadways through hills of garbage at the Dysart landfill, I have time to consider the volume of waste our

small community generates. Most weeks I drive through feeling guilty that we discard so much, noting the strange and potentially useful things that

end up in the landfill. Aside from poorly sorted garbage (glittering bottles and cans litter the garbage pile), there are commonly reusable items such as board games, children's toys and furniture that make their way into the rubbish. I peer out my car window at the mound of stuff mixed in with dirty diapers

and banana peels and wish there was a way to divert these items from the landfill.

And, of course there is.

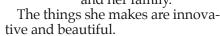
Last week, in the County Life supplement of the *Echo*, we featured two examples of women who are doing something about discarded items wrongly chucked in the garbage. Both women are artists – one completing a residency at Haliburton School of Art and Design and the other using items from the landfill to create a beautiful playground for her children.

Valerie Ashton, this year's Reclaim artist, has been visiting the landfill regularly and has been predictably disappointed by what she finds there. From kids' toys to office furniture, she has salvaged only a

small amount of what she discovers. One of her big beefs: people don't seem to know there are better places to put reusable items.

Likewise, Brandon Jarvis speaks passionately about the things she finds and cannot take home with her that will be pushed back into the garbage pile, never to be used again. Jarvis brilliantly illustrated just how easy it is to take people's used things and turn them into something beautiful. With some spray paint and creativity, she has taken an old door, cutlery and other

jingly items and made them into a musical wall for her child. She found a discarded metal boat, filled it with sand – instant sandbox. She even found a pop-up screen tent, which she assembled at home for her outdoor work station. All of these items came to her for next to nothing and have provided a creative outlet for her and her family.



Reusing isn't the solution to all of our garbage woes, but it is a start. It gets us thinking about what we throw in the garbage and also about the items we buy and whether we need so much stuff in the first place.

The attendants at our local landfills are experienced, knowledgeable people who can help you find the best home for your things without necessarily contributing to the mound of garbage (try the Lily Ann and Thift Warehouse in Halibur-

And you never know, that old mixing bowl might end up being the next astronaut's helmet or cottage bird bath.

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Summer at Rotary beach

by Darren Lum

The Perseids

FTEN WHEN I START my yoga classes I will invite the students to close their eyes and tune in to their breathing.

Without changing, or trying to fix their breath in any way, I just encourage them to be aware of their "breathing body."

I guide them to pay attention to the start, middle and end of the inhale and the same for the exhale.

Sometimes I invite them to just pay attention to the

very start of the inhale.

Other times we follow the exhale to the very end and notice how the inhale just comes out of the beautiful exhale.

All of these little exercises teach the students to become present in their breath and there are benefits to that.

When their mind is focused on the breath it isn't thinking about other things in their

life and this practice is also teaching students how to sustain their attention on one thing for a period of time.

This can be really helpful in a world where are there so many dis-

Learning how to sustain our attention can contribute towards a sense of ease and well being.

Once the students are aware of their breath I encourage them to notice how their body moves and expands and contracts with each inhale and exhale.

Our bodies know how to breathe and we are simply watching.

I often say "notice how your body pulses like the stars in the evening sky. Stars expand and contract and so do our bodies."

It's an image that I love. I love imagining myself twinkling and shining and expanding like a star. I am fascinated by the evening sky: the moon, the stars and the comets. It's a really beautiful place to pay attention to. For the next couple of weeks I'll be focused on the upcoming Perseid meteor shower that happens every year generally between July 17 and Aug. 24.

The Perseids have often been

called the best star show of the summer and this year it is supposed to be even more spectacular thanks to an unusual outburst that only happens once every decade.

The Perseids are going to peak this year around Aug. 11 and 12 and it is expected that there will be double the number of meteors than usual.

Dark skies are key to seeing these mete-

ors and so all us in the Highlands are in the perfect location for view-

"On a typical year, if skies are dark and clear, you may see a meteor every minute to every 30 seconds during the peak," says Peter Brown, a professor with the Meteor Physics Group at Western University in London, Ont.

"And a lot of those meteors will be pretty bright."

This year, he says, "the rates could be up to a couple every minute, maybe even three a minute" if you're camping or at the cottage, away from city lights.

The Perseids will be visible on nights leading up to the 11th and 12th so you don't have to wait to get outside and start looking.



Lynda Shadbolt

points of view

Let her rip

OME PEOPLE PREFER HIGH-TECH GADGETS, such as the Fart Machine II (with boom box technology). As hard as this is to believe, I'm not one of them.

Call me old school, but when I want to make it look like someone has accidentally passed wind in a public place, I still rely on the good old whoopee cushion. Conceived in a Toronto factory in 1920, it is quite possibly this country's greatest invention.

Sure, it's low-tech but it will never let you down.

Well, almost never.

Sadly, my whoopee cushion let out its final gasp on the week-

An unlikely chain of events led to its demise.

Jenn and I were just about to make what I call a dump run. I don't just use the term dump run to sound all hoity-toity either. The term actually serves a purpose.

For instance, when someone from the city phones and asks what you are doing, if you respond, "We're going to the landfill," they'll just keep talking. Conversely, if you say, "I'm about to make a much-needed dump run," with some urgency in your voice, they'll say goodbye in short order - especially if you add,

"It will be my first one in over a

week."

But I digress.

As I was saying, we were going to the landfill. Since we were using Jenn's car, I placed the whoopee cushion on the driver's seat.

Unfortunately, I've been honing my whoopee cushion skills on Jenn for the last two years. I say unfortunately because she has become quite suspicious, extremely careful and perhaps even a bit jittery of where she sits of late. This makes it difficult for me but, apparently, she doesn't care.

This time was no different. After

we loaded the garbage and recycling, she walked to the driver's side, opened the door, and began to sit down. Then, a millisecond before contact, she leapt upwards as if she saw a snake, levitated for at least a micro-second and then, from a safe distance, examined the car seat.

"Steve," she said. "What's under that towel?"
"No idea," I said. "But sit down! Quickly! The landfill is closing

I have found that, if you say this with enough conviction, you can sometimes rush the victim into a mistake.

But, as I said, Jenn now has a heightened awareness. "The landfill is open for another six hours," she replied.

And then she yanked the towel off the seat to expose the whoopee cushion. She threw it on the folded-down back seat and stuck her tongue out at me.

Talk about immature.

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When we arrived at the landfill, Jenn and I carried paper, glass and plastic to their respective bins. When we returned, Jenn opened the rear door and bent down to raise the back seats and, when she did, that whoopee cushion sounded off.

It was a wonderful forlorn sound – as if someone hit an offnote while playing a tuba in some distant porta-potty. It was just drawn out enough and so realistic that Jenn still has her doubts. The only reason she believes me is that the dump did not smell

If there is a Grammy awarded for noises such as this, as there would be in a perfect world, I would have had to start writing an acceptance speech there and then.
But, alas, there is no such thing.
Worse still, there was no one else around to appreciate it.

The evidence, however, supports my story. The cushion was ripped wide open from being pinched in the fold of the car seat. I'd like to think it died knowing that it had reached the pinnacle

On Jenn's insistence, we rode home with windows wide open, just in case her suspicions proved correct.

As for me, I'm in the market for another one, perhaps the new 17-inch mega-whoopee cushion that all the guys are talking about. It's a lot of cushion, but I think I'm ready for it.

And I'm not trying to toot my own horn this time either.



pic of the past

These were some of the teachers at the Archie Stouffer Elementary School in 1963. Back row, Nina Prentice and Edna Lidster. Front row, Anne N. Cox, Mary Shaver, Ruth Gorrie and Yvonne Newell. Submitted by Edna Morgan

letters to the editor

Lions thank | Busy minds can lead community

To the Editor,

On Saturday we held our annual toll bridge. To those English, American, and Canadian tourists who came through and not only donated but took the time to thank us for all we do, we thank

Your generosity enables us to continue to do what we do.

While we do not as yet know how much was raised, anything from pennies to paper allows us to continue to serve our community and aid in disasters not only here in Canada but abroad.

We are always looking for new members, please consider joining us, and remember "We Serve."

> **Lion Mary Lawr** President Haliburton Lions Club

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to forgetfulness

GERALD IRISH

A Senior's Moment

I surprised myself the other day in the parking lot of a local grocery store. One might think that I could be getting increasingly absent minded or for-

After completing my shopping and ensuring that I had purchased all the items on my list, I had one of the young male workers assist me by loading the cases of water I bought.

I loaded all the rest of the items. I then got into

our car, backed out of my parking place, threw it into drive and started pulling away. Suddenly (and thankfully) I heard a very loud thumping on our car's body. I immediately stopped.

I had left the rear door swinging up and was proceeding to pull away. I stopped suddenly and nervously awaited for the young store worker to

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Roonieville









Above, Scott Russell, lead guitar for Gord Kidd's band. **HUW MORGAN** Special to the Echo

Right, Performer Mighty Mike chats with an audience member he brought into the circle during his crowdcaptivating performance at Midnight Madness in downtown Haliburton on July 29. JENN WATT Staff





Above, Jaxen Casey tries on a firefighter's uniform at Midnight Madness – it almost fits!
Above middle, a staple of Midnight Madness: the Haliburton firefighters' beef on a bun. Here, Jeremy Manning and Stacey Parish prepare the delicious dinner.
JENN WATT Staff



A very large crowd was present throughout the evening to watch Mighty Mike. Musical groups Fifth Business and Gord Kidd and Friends entertained at either end of the street. JENN WATT Staff



It's Madness

Haliburton Echo staff were busy scooping free banana splits throughout Midnight Madness. There was a line-up for the popular dessert for more than an hour. From left, reporter Angela Long, inside sales staff Pat Lewis, and humour columnist Steve Galea. JENN WATT Staff



Above, Emma Casey, Liya Elgazzar and **Emily Glecoff** at Midnight Madness outside of V&S in Haliburton on July 29. HUW MORGAN Special to the Echo





Cottagers Bill and Lola Guiler of Unionville and Koshlong Lake sit outside the Forest Store during Midnight Madness. The couple has been married for 59 years. Midnight Madness is a Haliburton Echo and BIA run event.

JENN WATT Staff



A very large crowd was present throughout the evening to watch Mighty Mike at Haliburton's Midnight Madness on July 29. At least a people were on Highland Street during the annual shopping/ street festival run by the Echo and the BIA.

JENN WATT Staff

Promote vibrant business

To the Editor,

The main street is changing. How do we ensure that it remains viable and the village retains or creates an inviting atmosphere?

When Walker's Home Hardware moves to a new location the corner commercial space will become vacant until a new business

A new business would likely involve a tear down of the existing structure.

What would you like to see constructed in that location? Let us hope that it would not be an unimaginative ugly looking space.

As residents it is up to us to assist the planners of council and staff to promote the type of structures and businesses to locate here and make the town more vibrant.

On that corner I see open commercial space

on the street level with the reception to a second floor hotel and followed by two floors of

It would be great to incorporate the adjacent strip into it so that the total parcel abuts the river.

An architecture structure incorporating some of "past" looks of the village or area would create a welcoming atmosphere and a place to go.

This view of mine is not just a pipe dream. It is possible.

But you may have an idea as well. Do not sit back. Express your thoughts to the authorities, your friends and media.

> **David Bishop** Haliburton

A licence to celebrate: Whiskey Jack keeps fans Stompin'

ANGELA LONG

Staff Reporter

It was 1993 - the last time a Canadian team won the Stanley Cup. It was Canada Day. Duncan Fremlin, band leader of Whiskey Jack, stood on the steps of Parliament with music legend Stompin' Tom

"We were looking out at humanity as far as you could see," says Fremlin in a phone interview from Toronto. "Someone brought in the Cup from Montreal. It was a surprise.'

Stompin' Tom held it high above his head.

"Then he picked up his guitar and played *The Hockey Song*," he says. "The crowd went wild.

Twenty-three years later, and crowds are going wild for Whiskey Jack's Stories and Songs of Stompin' Tom.

"They turn age old Stompin' Tom songs into contemporary masterpieces," reports the Toronto Star.

Since the death of Connors in 2013, the seven-member band has been playing the show to packed houses, sometimes including Connors's wife and son, throughout cottage country and the GTA.

Whiskey Jack's stories come from a history of nearly 30 years of gigs with Stompin' Tom and invitations to house parties as legendary as his music.

"He was a Maritimer," says Fremlin, "and threw good old-fashioned kitchen

Fremlin was 27 when he founded Whiskey Jack in the late '70s. It was something people just did back then, he says.

"You could just quit a good job and get another one a week later.'

The band toured for 10 years, recording several albums, starring on CBC's The Tommy Hunter Show, The Nashville Network. But when the recession hit in the

"I got a job as a real estate agent," Fremlin says, "and the band became part time." That is until Stompin' Tom invited Whiskey Jack to hit the road. Fremlin didn't

"I knew it was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," he said.

The band got to know the performer, on

stage and off.

"We had a unique contract that stipulated one of us stay up all night with Tom," he says. "Tom didn't sleep much. He was a creative go get 'em kind of per-



Canadian country and folk singer/songwriter legend Stompin' Tom Connors, left, at his 75th birthday bash with Whiskey Jack band leader Duncan Fremlin. In 1990, Fremlin quit his job to go on the road with Connors, performing off and on with the iconic figure until his death at the age of 77 in 2013. Submitted by Gary

They'd play chess, cards. They'd listen to Connors's stories of growing up poor in Saint John, running away to hitchhike across the country, sleeping in ditches.

"A lot of who he became was born on the road," says Fremlin.

Who Tom Connors became, says Fremlin, is "Captain Canada."

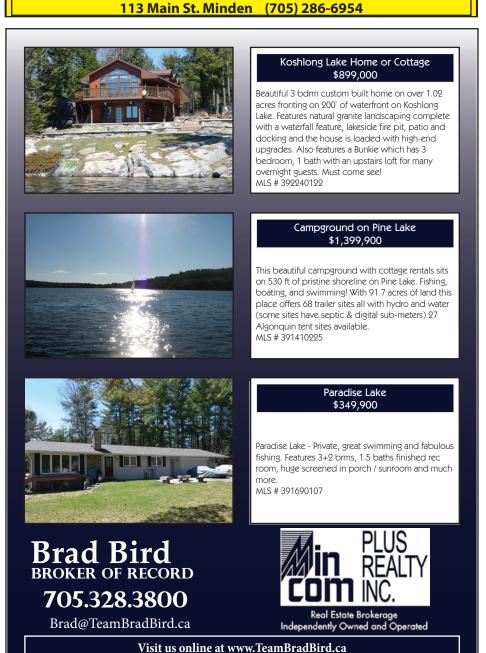
The Canadian Encyclopedia describes our captain as "a working-class, salt-ofthe-earth troubadour and perhaps the most overtly nationalist songwriter that Canada has ever produced."

Fremlin couldn't agree more.

"He gave Canadians licence to celebrate their country," Fremlin says. "He coined ases that will be in our narrative for

Bark Lake Cultural Developments presents Whiskey Jack – Stories and Songs of Stompin' Tom at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce on Saturday, Aug. 6. Tickets are \$25. On July 29, Universal Music Canada re-released a 1993 album Stompin' Tom recorded with Whiskey Jack. This CD, along with the band's other recordings, will be available for purchase. For more information about Whiskey Jack, check out whiskeyjackmusic.com.





Pokemon Go comes to the Highlands

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

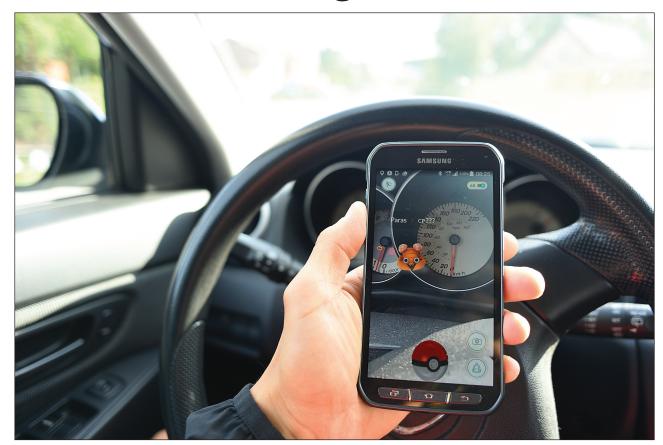
Imagine a scenario where strange and powerful creatures walked the earth and you're out to find and capture them. This isn't a historical fantasy so much as the premise behind the Pokemon Go, a free cellphone app game developed by Niantic available for Android and

It's like a fantastical bug catching expedition and a dream come true for Nintendo's Pokemon fans, as it mixes the real and the virtual world.

With an avatar, players explore using their phone's GPS, which tracks their movements in search of 151 creatures, a diverse collection of dinosaurs, dragons, birds, plants and eggs. Creatures are found in areas relevant to their species: water-types are found near lakes and rivers while nocturnal creatures will only be found in the evening hours. The real world comes into play when capturing a Pokemon. The player sees the Pokemon through the phone's camera. A Pokemon is caught by flicking a "Pokeball," which are collected at "Pokestops," usually public buildings such as libraries - Haliburton County libraries included.

Based on the Nintendo handheld games, television show and trading cards popular in the late-1990s, the new game is available in more than 30 countries.





The latest craze of Pokemon Go has hit the Highlands, as seen with this Pokemon about to be captured inside the car belonging to reporter Darren Lum. Pokemon Go is a free phone app game developed by Niantic available for Android and iOS devices. With Pokestops throughout Haliburton County at sculptures and even public buildings like libraries, the game's goal is to capture all 151 Pokemon, a diverse collection of the game's powerful monsters that are dinosaurs, dragons, birds, plants and eggs./DARREN LUM Staff

The game has grabbed headlines for more than just its popularity, as players have been known to become so immersed they forget where they are. A pair of Canadian youth wandered unknowingly into Montana and were eventually picked up by border patrol and returned to Canada. One man was stabbed while out hunting for Pokemon and didn't admit himself into hospital until after he played the game a little more and bought some chips and a beer from a convenience store.

Pokemon articles also include benefits related to playing: some people become more active as they add walking to their daily routine, for example. One story highlighted the case of a wheelchair-bound man who left his house to play the game. Previously, he would only leave twice a year for medical appointment and Christmas.

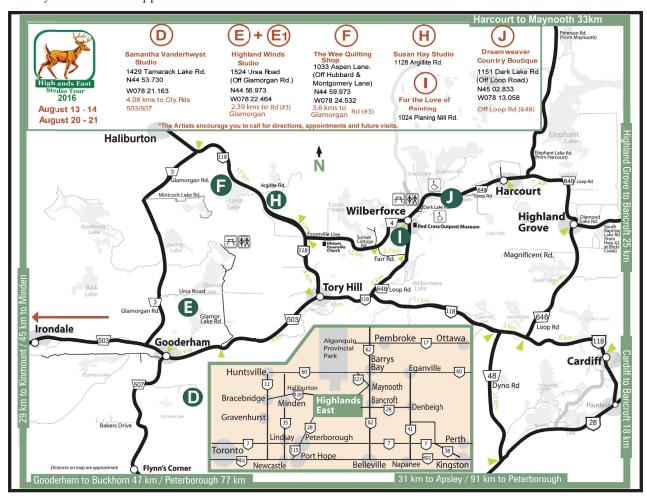
Thirty-seven-year-old Jake Raynard of Haliburton considers the game a nice addition to his usual walks around town. Without a car, he was walking everywhere anyway and now has a game to play and people to meet.

"What I like most about it is the social aspect. They don't necessarily give you all the information you need to know on the app itself how to play so you, in fact, do need to talk to other players to figure out how to play the game properly," he said.

Before the game, Raynard didn't know much about Pokemon. He learned of the app through a friend and

since playing it been looking into Pokemon more. This isn't the first game of its kind. Lacking the full

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immersion of virtual reality, this game is slightly different and is part of the augmented reality games like Ingress, also developed by Niantic.

Raynard characterizes the game as "one half Facebook and one half a game."

When a "lure" is put out at a Pokestop to draw other players he said he has seen 20 other people show up.

"I've never met so many people in my entire life that I had no relationship to whatsoever," he said.

Twenty-two-year-old Hayley Sullivan, a Haliburton Highlands Secondary School graduate going into a graduate program, says nostalgia plays into why she likes the

"So for people [like me], roughly the 19 to 30 age range, we grew up watching the shows, playing the games, having the cards and wanting to be Pokemon trainers in real life. Now that we can be Pokemon trainers, it sort of brings back that facet of childhood," she wrote in an email.

She recommends beginners play or watch others play to learn about the game. Her dad had made fun of it until he saw her play and subsequently became intrigued.

Her younger brother, Angus, who is studying at Trent University, loved Pokemon as a child and played it on the Nintendo Game Boy when riding to school on the bus. This taps into the affection he had for the game and the Pokemon.

When the game was released in the U.S. he remembers the buzz on social media.

"Then the night it came out in Canada, my friends who aren't even into Pokemon anymore asked me to go play it with them," he wrote in an email.

He doesn't believe this is a children's game.

"I don't think this game seems like it was designed for kids. It involves an understanding of your phone, being able to move independently in your neighborhood, and it feels like you need to be able to drive places to get the full experience," he said.

From playing the game, he has visited places in Haliburton more than he ever imagined he would.

"Well, I've walked through the sculpture forest more times in the past two weeks than my past three years in Haliburton. I've discovered that there are more people my age playing than I expected. And I've discovered where all the free wifi is in Haliburton so I don't have to use data," he said.

Raynard points out in Japan there are Pokestops being setup in front of McDonald's locations. However he said Pokestops could just as easily be set up in front of Salvation Army donation bins.

"Who knows what kind of causes it could be used for?" he said. "For such an innocent little game seemingly there's a lot of potential for social change. It could be used as a vehicle for a lot of really interesting things,'

Raynard has captured 49 Pokemon and will continue

Events



until he gets all 151. When that happens he expects the game to evolve and have added features of trading and

He never knew he walked so much. The game rewards players for their walking, giving them a level for every five kilometres walked. Raynard was at level 13 several days after downloading the game, which translates to close to 65 kilometres.

"I walk this much? This is crazy," he said.

The higher the level the more things are available to

In the beginning, Raynard admits he was out in the wee hours of the morning the first couple of days he had it on his phone.

"That happened the first couple of days. I was like I got to shut this down," he said.

Raynard was pleasantly surprised at how the game appeals to a broad range of people.

While playing he thought he'd cross paths with mainly children, but has seen people older than him and even children with their parents playing.

"I watched a kid and his mom wander around the park in front of my house. Just playing Pokemon. It's interesting. I don't know. I don't know how a game can bring so many people together," he said.

Glossary:

Pokedex, the list of collected Pokemon.

Pokeball, used to capture and store Pokemon

Pokestop (usually monuments or public buildings like libraries), place where items such as pokeballs and eggs are collected.

Poketrainers, the avatars for players

Incense, used to lure Pokemon for a certain amount of

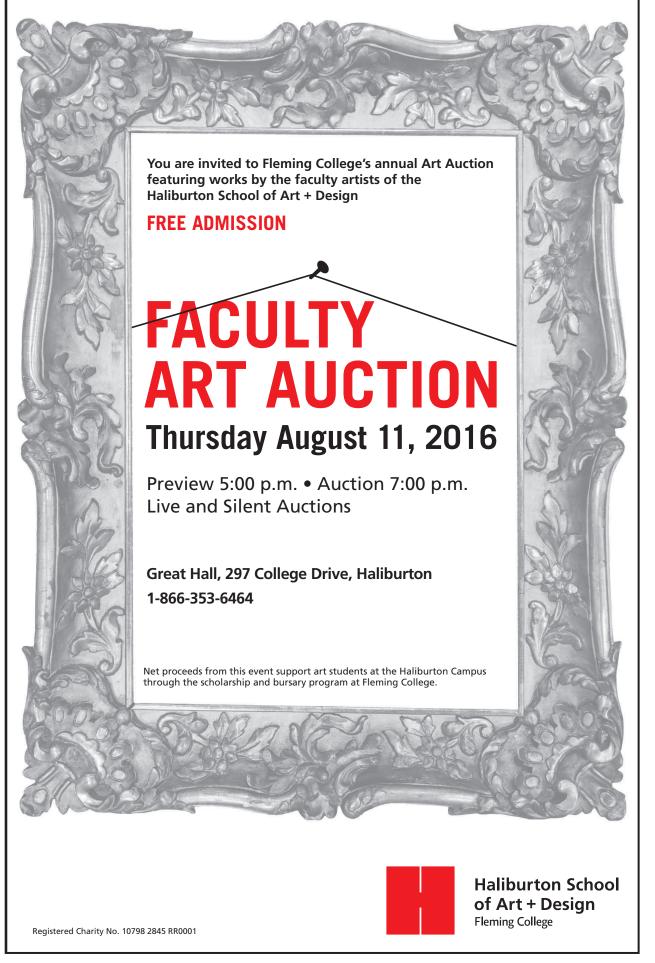
Gyms, place to battle and train other Pokemon CP (Combat Points), the higher the number the

stronger a Pokemon is Candy, used to evolve Pokemon and increase CP

Egg, an item that rewards players with a new Pokemon when they are hatched, which happens after a certain distance is travelled.

Incubator, used to hatch eggs

Evolution, when a Pokemon becomes more powerful. Lure modules, a rare and powerful item, used to help capture Pokemon at Pokestops





Kennisis Regatta doesn't disappoint

Sun, fun, and 58 years of tradition. The Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association Regatta attracts hundreds of loyal cottagers, many of whom have been coming for generations. Held on July 30 at Kennisis Lake Marina, the event offers a variety of races and games on both water and land, a barbecue lunch and beer tent, and much



Aidan Jones won the boys nine- and 10-year-old one-mile marathon swim from the island to the marina docks.



Kennisis Lake Regatta director Susan Nixon, left, and Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association president Tayce Wakefield couldn't have asked for a better day for the KLCOA 58th annual Regatta held at Kennisis Lake Marina on July 30

Seniors aren't forgetful

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slam down the door, which he did and then I drove

Now come the excuses.

Number one was the fact that I was planning somethings for my wife's upcoming birthday. Gifts. Dinners. Cakes. Celebrations.

With so many things to consider, one could excuse a small oversight like an open door on a moving vehicle. I am sure that I am not getting forgetful or absent minded. I just have too many things on my mind.

As I was pulling out of the parking lot, an attractive young woman yelled from her car that I should write

about this in my article for the Echo. So this is it.
Seniors are not forgetful. It is just that over the years, we have accumulated and stored so much information that it is sometimes difficult to get our filing systems to locate what we want, when we want it. Bear with us. We will make it.



Smiley - the blind St. John's **Ambulance** therapy dog, and online sensation stole hearts at the Regatta. Children and adults alike knelt to meet the puppy mill survivor rescued by dog trainer Joanne George 11 years ago. The George family has cottaged on Kennisis Lake for 53 years and Smiley comes as often as he can. Despite starring on news outlets throughout the world, Smiley's fame doesn't seem to have gone to his very scratchable head.



On such a perfect summer's day, everyone was a winner at the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association's 58th Annual Regatta held on July 30 at Kennisis Lake Marina. But the winners of the coveted regatta swim for 16 and under had even more reason to smile. Greg Peckham, left, won second place, Taylor Jones first place, and Connor Jones came in third.





Local couple embarks on new business adventure

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

When Greg Luck and Abby Hagerman were camping across Canada this past spring, they were also hard at work promoting their new business.

The young couple who call Haliburton their home were showcasing their new business adventure to the country, specifically their Lotus Belle tent.

The word tent is a term used loosely to describe a Lotus Belle product, with its garlic bulb shape and unique characteristics.

The pair were first introduced to the product last year when Hagerman was researching options for sleeping arrangements for a party she was planning to host on a piece of property she owns.

"I wanted to have something on the land for people to come together [in]," she said.

Through the Internet they became familiar with the product and decided to buy a Lotus Belle, however paid a high amount in shipping and duties due to the company being based out of the U.K.

After some discussion the pair thought there must be an easier way for Canadians to get their hands on a Lotus Belle, so they contacted the company and pitched the idea of becoming the Canadian distributor for the brand.

"We are the sole distributor for Canada," said Hagerman. "We have an online store and ship them to anywhere [in Canada]."

To date they have sold Lotus Belles throughout the country, including four in Haliburton County.

The tents offer a premium style accommodation for those who enjoy the outdoors, and even for those who

Available in different sizes, from about 125 square feet to 200 square feet, a Lotus Belle perfectly fits the description of glamping, (a word meaning glamorous camping), which is what part of the appeal was to Luck and Hager-

As someone who grew up camping and experiencing the outdoors, Hagerman appreciates the glamping trend because it opens up camping to a new audience.

What I really like about it is that it gets people out camping that otherwise wouldn't," she said. "Even if you're in a big fancy tent you're still out of your house, you're still having a campfire, you're still looking at the

The pair see the business endeavour as a way to attract a new demographic to camping, a demographic that might have previously been uninterested in the out-

"We put it up in half an hour and take it down in 10 minutes," said Hagerman. "It has the floor, it has the poles, it has everything and fits in a duffle bag. It's just easy.

Made out of wax canvas, Lotus Belles are waterproof and can accommodate furniture, a large bed and much

"That's the best part is furnishing it really luxuriously," said Luck. "They just look so cool."

The couple say the tent offers a more inexpensive way to expand sleeping arrangements at a house or cottage, compared to a bunkie, for instance.

"You could put it on a deck or near the water," said Luck.

Next year a smaller tent, called the Lotus Bud, will be available to purchase.

A local yoga teacher and construction worker respectively, Hagerman and Luck hope to grow and expand their Lotus Belle business, to enhance their other yearround employment.

They are both thrilled with the support and buzz the tents have been receiving thus far.

"I feel like it just makes you smile," said Hagerman. "There's this sense of awe and wonderment when walking into one."

Everyone who sees it is like what is that? I want one, said Luck. "I just like that there's so many ways to use

Prices vary on the tents. For more information visit www.lotusbelle.ca.

Above, Lotus Belle tents bring a new wave of luxury camping, or glamping, to outdoor enthusiasts. Haliburton residents Abby Hagerman, right, Greg Luck and their dog Walden, front, recently added being distributors of the luxury tents to their long list of business endeavours. Made out of wax canvas, Lotus Belle tents range in sizes from 125 square feet to about 200 square feet. A smaller version is being released next year. ELEANOR DOBBINS Submitted





There's this sense of awe and wonderment when walking into one.

> — Abby Hagerman on describing a Lotus Belle tent



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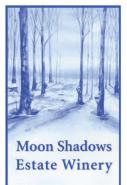
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Tour de **Forest** offers colourful art tour

Yves Ameline stands with his acrylic paintings at Studio J on Tour de Forest. The 10th annual studio tour offered 26 artists at 14 studios on July 30 and 31.

Photos by Huw Morgan





Above, David Wrightman and Taya Rosenberg entertain at Glass Eagle Studios.

Left, Barbara Hart in her studio with two of her paintings.





Above, Alma and Ron Durand admire Susan Hay's work at her studio on Argillite Road past Loon

Left, Tom Green with some of his glass art works at his place: Glass Eagle Studios on Blairhampton Road near Haliburton.

Go to our website: haliburtonecho.ca to see more stunning photos of this year's **Tour de Forest**



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lake protectors' corner

Practical lake protector tips

lakes but who is looking after lake health? Governments of all stripes are cutting back on the people and programs that used to protect our lakes and give us up to date data on lake health indicators. Lake associations can help fill this void but only if all of us step up individually and become Lake Protectors. What can we do to make a difference? The CHA has some of the most knowledgeable lake health scientists in Canada as scientific advisors and we asked them that the question. Based on their advice here are the most powerful steps you can take to protect your lake.

Keep your septic system healthy Septics are the No. 1 contributor of phosphorous to our lakes in Haliburton County – the more phosphorous the greater the chance of an algae blooms Take 20 minutes and watch "Poop Talk" at https://vimeo.com/channels/lakeprotectors/63522168 and then take

- Keeping anything that can kill bacteria out of your septic system.
- Minimize and spread out the use of
- •Have your system inspected by an inspector who will take the lid off and do a proper physical inspection.
- Have your tank pumped every three to

- Renaturalize your shoreline natural shorelines deliver incredible benefits
- Filtering out pollutants such as phosphorous before it gets into the lake.
- •Providing habitat for all sorts of life that supports healthy loons, frogs, fish etc. Remember 80 to 90 per cent of all life in your lake depends on natural shorelines.
- Learn about the importance of natural shorelines by watching the "Ribbon of Life" at https://vimeo.com/channels/ lakeprotectors/90929405.
- Keep in mind even a small area with native plants will help. If you have grass to the lake simply stop cutting all or part of it and nature will re-naturalize the area over time.

Vote for people who care about and will act to protect our lakes municipally, provincially and federally.

The last few years have seen major cutbacks at organizations that are responsible for lake health such as the MÑRF, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, Environment Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada and many more. The CHA has the opportunity to work with many of these organizations and know that the people left are passionate about their jobs and work very hard. They need our support. Let the

lake is very important to you.

Support your lake association

- •The volunteers who hold positions with our local lake associations are fabulous people who give up much of their personal time to be Lake Protectors. They need your support.
- Volunteer for as little as one to two hours a year and help out.
- •Stop them on the street or at your AGM and say thank you. Trust me, it will mean a lot.

If each of us becomes a Lake Protector, our children will be able to enjoy some of our favourite things:

- The call of the loon
- Frogs by the shore
- •Swimming in a clear, clean lake Author Paul MacInnes, chair of the CHA, is a passionate Lake Protector.

To hear more useful information for lake lovers, tune in to Canoe FM to hear Highlands Cottage, a segment with news from cottagers' associations, environmental topics and cottage living tips. It runs Friday at 4:30 p.m., Saturday at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m.

Article provided by CHA. For more information, resources and tips, go to www.

Lake Calendar

To include your lake association's events in this free listing, email them to classifieds@haliburtonpress.com

Kids Bingo

Starts Tuesday July 12 7 p.m., ends Tuesday Aug. 16 Location: HLCA Hall, 5041 Haliburton Lake Road Submitted by Haliburton Lake Cottagers Association

Rock Bass Fishing Derby Starts: Sunday, July 24, ends Sunday, Aug. 14 weigh in 12 to 12:30 p.m. Location: Public Beach South End Haliburton

Lake, Hodgson Road

Submitted by Haliburton Lake Cottage Association

Fort Irwin Residents Association Pancake

Date: Saturday August 20, 9 am to noon, sumptuous breakfast of pancakes and sausages, juice and coffee or tea

Location: FIRA Hall, 5821 Haliburton Lake Road Submitted by Haliburton Lake Cottagers Association

Cottage Succession Seminar

When: Sunday, August 21, 10:00 am - noon Where: Irondale Community Centre This event is FREE to members of FOCA and the Salerno (Devil's) Lake Cottagers' Association, or \$10 at the door for non-members. Featuring Peter Lillico – Estate Planning Lawyer ~ "If your goal is to keep your family in the cottage for future generations, my goal is to help you develop an agreement to secure a lasting and successful succession, avoid family friction and to prevent 'For Sale' signs sprouting." and learn how to "Keep the 'Family' in the Family Cottage" Please pre-register with FOCA to secure your space: info@foca.on.ca or call 705-749-3622 Submitted by Salerno Lake Association





Call for Proposals

Workforce Development Board – Local Employment Planning Council is now seeking proposals for the following projects:

> Research & Innovation Project: **Employability Skills Gap**

Integrated Planning Project: Alignment of Economic and **Workforce Development Priorities, Strategies and Resources**

Service Coordination for Employers Project: Recruitment and Planning Resources Support for Small-to-Medium Enterprises

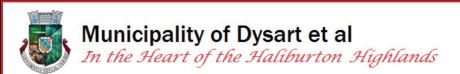
> Best Practices & Promising Approaches Project: **Economic Development Best Practices**

For submission instructions, please go to www.wdb.ca/lepc-call-for-proposals OR email us at workforce@wdb.ca.

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Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the land described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on August 25, 2016, at the Dysart et al Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton Ontario

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day as soon as possible after 3:00 p.m. at the Dysart et al Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton.

Description of Lands:

Roll No. 46 24 040 000 11400 0000; PIN 39146-0111(LT); Lot 23 Plan 580; Dysart et al. File No. 15-02

Minimum Tender Amount: \$5,707.14

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit in the form of a money order or of a bank draft or cheque certified by a bank or trust corporation payable to the Municipality of Dysart et al and representing at least 20 per cent of the tender amount.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to or any other matters relating to the land to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers.

This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes, HST if applicable and the relevant land transfer tax.

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender, visit www.dysartetal.ca or if no internet access available, contact:

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sports

Bernie Nicholls endorses headgear to reduce head trauma risk

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Retired NHLer and West Guilford resident Bernie Nicholls knows about concussions first-hand, having to deal with the dizzy spells and difficulty with short-term memory related to his hockey career.

Nicholls was an electric player, amassing 1,209 points during a 17-year NHL career over 1,127 games with the Los Angeles Kings, the New York Rangers, the Edmonton Oilers, the New Jersey Devils, the Chicago Blackhawks and the San Jose Sharks.

He remains close to the game, with his public appearances, as a consultant for the Kings en route to the Stanley Cup win in 2012 and with his business venture All Sports Market, an online sports stock market.

Now Nicholls hopes to be successful in reducing concussions.

Nichölls endorsed the SkullTec Gel Cap, a product created by American Bob Ferguson. Like a skull cap, the headgear has soy-based gel pads, which are positioned at the front, sides, top and back of the cap and are designed to disperse the impact and reduce the amount of trauma to a head. It can be worn alone or under helmets and is a blend of nylon and spandex. There are plans to have it available in local retailers such as Haliburton's JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports, who said it retails between \$40 and \$50. Currently, it is available online at www. skulltec.com.

Nicholls admits there isn't anything that can completely eliminate concussions, but said as far as he is concerned anything that can help prevent a concussion is a good thing to consider. He believes in this product because of information the company sent him regarding results of research and endorsements by people in the medical industry to support its benefits.

He wants to encourage parents to consider this cap for their children for a variety of sports and activities, ranging from team sports to biking and skateboarding.

Specifically, he'd like the high school football players to be wearing them this

"Their helmets are only so good so if you can [add] a little something to it to help why wouldn't you do it?" he said.

When he was young he played quarterback at the local high school and said he would have worn one.

This cap is good for more than just foot-

ball, as it has applications to other sports and activities such as ice hockey.

"Most of the kids, if they buy it, they'll turn around and wear it in hockey," he

Nicholls has tried on the cap under his helmet and found it fit snugly and actually made it comfortable.

He believes current NHLers would wear it, particularly players who have had a concussion.

"Guys who have had it and know the severity of what one more hit could do ... it's a no brainer. It's just stupid not to," he

He has sent one to Sidney Crosby's

During his professional career he played through injuries, but always listened to the medical staff if they told him playing would jeopardize his health. He expected arthritis, but never expected to harm his brain. It's something you just can't live without, he added.

"When it's something like that someone has to say, 'you can't play.' That's where I've always stood with that. I'm playing no matter what until the doctor says you can't," he said.

Nicholls is part of a class action lawsuit against the NHL for concussion-related

There is a lot of misinformation related what the players will get when it comes to the lawsuit. He is more than willing to support the cause and believes others would too if they knew more about it.

"When people understand what I'm doing then they're good with it. A lot of people think it's a money grab. That's all I'm doing it for. Once they understand ... I'm not doing it for me because I don't get anything for it. I'm doing it for the other guy then they understand it," he said.

He said the lawsuit, if successful, will primarily benefit the care of the players, who are really suffering. Nicholls said as a class one he's not suffering with the same severity of symptoms related to concussions, who are categorized as class

Concussion-related symptoms are part of his life now, which includes dizzy spells and memory loss.

"Like my mom, my wife, people who know me they realize how bad my memory is. I used to have a great memory. I'd remember phone numbers. I'd remember addresses from when I was younger and different places from when I first started playing," he said.

Part of his strategy to remember appointments is to have the person he's



Retired NHLer and West Guilford resident Bernie Nicholls shows the fit of the SkullTec Gel Cap, which he hopes to bring to Haliburton County. He is backing the protective head wear and encourages parents to get their children to wear it in the hopes it will reduce the chance of a concussion. Nicholls, who suffers from concussion-related symptoms after his 17-year NHL career, is part of the federal class-action lawsuit against the NHL. /DARREN LUM



To think you're going to fight for one of your guys. That's all you've ever known to do.

Bernie Nicholls

meeting text him an hour or two before as a reminder.

"For me it's just frustrating as hell," he

For all the frustration he knows his challenges are manageable unlike the guys he is standing up for through the

"I'm just fighting for my brother," he said. "If down the line I get something from all this as far as my head, something gets bad, then they'll cover me for that," he said. "Right now, if we win it

any money goes to these guys, the class two that need it. That's all it is. I'm just standing up for this guy because chances are good someone probably got a concussion sticking up for my ass when I played, fighting for me or something."

He wishes more former players would join the class action lawsuit. He acknowledges the pressure and the fear of becoming blackballed by teams, but also hopes greater understanding of the matter will lead to more support.

"The thing is, especially our sport, it's such a team sport. From your top player to your average player. It's just so close. To think you're going to fight for one of your guys. That's all you've ever known to do. This is no different so why wouldn't you do it?" he said.

Although the NFL had settled with its players for their class action suit, the NHL remains steadfast.

Nicholls is not dissuaded by the chance

"We might lose, but at least I went down trying to help a former player. Win or lose, I'm going to continue to do it and do the best I can," he said.

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- 10. Heroic tale 14. Peers
- 15. Unseen
- 17. Plucking implement
- 19. Radioactivity unit
- 20. Stamping device
- 21. Quake 22. Foot (Latin)
- 23. Living body covering
- 24. Turfs
- 26. Gate swinging devices 29. Nail
- 31. Sharp bodily pain
- 32. Status equality
- 34. Horse height measure
- 35. Political Asylum Research & Documentation Service
- 37. 20's 30's art design
- 38. Payment (abbr.)
- 39. Food grain
- 40. Indefinitely long period of time
- 41. Rear
- 43. Without (French)
- 45. Wood sorrels
- 46. Express pleasure
- 47. Recurring artistic pattern 49. Deaf language
- 50. Runs PCs
- 53. Minimal punishment
- 57. Repeat
- 58. Give extreme unction to
- 59. Inflammatory skin disease 60. Large Aussie flightless bird
- 61. Polish Air Show city

CLUES DOWN

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- 3. Towards the mouth or oral region

- 4. 4th Caliph of Islam
- 5. Soviet Socialist Republics
- 6. Moslem mystics
- 7. Game stake
- 8. Point midway between N and NW
- 9. Female deer pelts
- 10. Glaze used to stiffen fabrics
- 11. Unhittable serves
- 12. Pathogen
- 13. Promotional materials
- 16. Setting up a golf drive
- 18. Lyric poems
- 22. Atomic #46
- 23. Genus Alosa 24. __ Claus
- 25. Not even
- 27. Fencing swords 28. Conway, N.H. river
- 29. Brake horsepower
- 30. Wild leek
- 31. Prefix for before
- 33. "Splash" director Howard 35. Sleeveless apronlike dress
- 36. Book of the Apostles mission
- 37. V.P. Quayle
- 39. Dish directions
- 42. Revolve
- 43. Particular instance of selling
- 44. Exclamation of surprise
- 46. Wimbledon champion Arthur
- 47. Millisecond 48. Ammo & chemical corp.
- 49. Tip of Aleutian Islands
- 51. Norway's capital
- 52. Plant stalk
- 53. Macaws

50. Expired

- 54. Indochina battleground (slang)
- 55. Armed conflict
- 56. Ribonucleic acid

Answers on page



Play ball

Above left, a T-baller takes a break on the safety bag for first base this past Wednesday evening for Dysart's Youth Softball night. Children learn the basics and fundamentals of the game. The participants range in skill level and age from T-ballers up to youth. Above, young ball players took over Glebe Park's newest diamond this past Wednesday evening for Dysart's Youth Softball night. /DARREN LUM Staff





Municipality of Dysart et al

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NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT **MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL**

DATE: Tuesday September 6th, 2016

TIME: 5:00 pm

LOCATION: Council Chambers in the Municipal Office 135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario

APPLICATIONS:

- Purpose and Effect: The proposed by-law will change the zone on the subject lands to permit the proposed rural residential use. It re-defines the extent of EP zone to recognize the flood hazard. recognize the boundary of the existing wetland and to implement a 30 metre vegetation buffer next to this wetland.
- Zone change from "RU1" and "EP" to "RR" and "EP".
- Location: Part Lots 7 and 8, Concessions 8 and 9, in the geographic Township of Dysart (1044 Calico Road - the intersection of Calico Road and County Road 21).
- This application is a condition of applications for consent H-054/15 and H-055/15.

- Purpose and Effect: The proposed by-law will amend the zone boundary between the RU2 and the RU2-2 zone to accommodate the proposed location of the new dwelling in the RU2 zone.
- Amendment to the Zone boundary between the RU2 and RU2-2 zones.
- Location: Part Lot 3, Concession 5, in the geographic Township of Dudley (1075 Portage Road).
- This application is a condition of application for consent H-075/15.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION about these applications, including a copy of the draft by-law, is available by contacting the Planning Department during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday)

PRESERVING YOUR RIGHT OF APPEAL: For information about preserving your appeal rights, please contact the Planning Department during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) at the contact information listed below.

Dated at the Township of Dysart, this 2nd day of August, 2016.

Patricia Martin, B.E.S. MCIP, RPP Director of Planning and Development

Municipality of Dysart et al 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton, Ontario KOM 1S0

Phone: 705-457-1740 E-mail: info@dysartetal.ca







Out on the water

There was a flotilla of stand up paddleboards, kayaks and even a dragon boat out on Head Lake during the Haliburton Paddles event, part of the municipality of Dysart's Explore Our Lakes on on Thursday, July 28 in Haliburton. With SUP North, Algonquin Outfitters, JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports, the Haliburton Highlands Paddlers and the municipality, the event was from 12 to 4 p.m. and gave the public an opportunity to try a variety of watercraft and included guided tours, treasure hunts and water safety activities.

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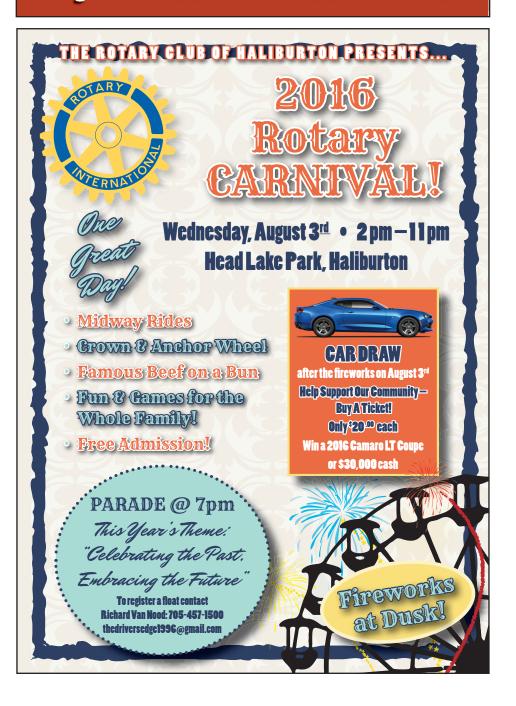


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Tennis tournament smashing in Haliburton

Gelert's Gerda Neubacher smiles in between points during the first ever Haliburton/Maple Leaf Triples Tennis Tournament held in Haliburton on Tuesday, July 18, at the tennis courts. Organized by Soyers Lake residents Greg Freeman and Jeff Papiez, the event included 24 players, ranging in age from their 50s to heir 80s on eight teams, with local players as well as those from the Greater Andrea Papets and recreation department. Department of Andrea Papets and recreation as a religious to Andrea Papets and the 50s. department, Deputy-reeve Andrea Roberts and recreation co-ordinator Andrea Mueller, Art Ouellette and the 50 volunteers./DARREN LUM Staff



Jack Virgin hits a forehand in a match during the first ever Haliburton/ Maple Leaf Triples Tennis Tournament held in Haliburton on Tuesday, July 18, at the tennis



The Maple Leaf Cup came north to Haliburton as part of its Canadian debut on Tuesday, July 18. It is awarded to the winning triples tennis tournament team in Florida during the



Gerda Neubacher of Gelert serves while teammate Jack Virgin waits for a return at the net.

UPCOMING

Community **Events**

Want to get your event in Community Calendar? It's free! Contact Pat at classifieds@ haliburtonpress.com.

Dated Events

Outpost Museum at the Fair

When: Saturday Aug. 6, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Where: Curling Rink at Wilberforce Agricultural Fair Display about early farming settlers of Wilberforce

Outpost Museum 705-448-3000 or Hilda at 705-448-2018

Art of an Outpost Nurse,

Special Opening Party

When: Wednesday, Aug. 10 at 7 p.m.

Where: Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost Historic

House museum.

Open daily except Tuesdays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. until

Sunday, Aug. 21.

Experience the oil paintings and other art by the late Gertrude LeRoy Miller, nurse/artist and author of Mustard Plasters and Hand Cars, her story of working at the Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost in the early 1930s. Drop in while touring Artists Studios in Highlands East.

Outpost Museum 705-448-3000 or Hilda 705 448

Wild About Nature,

Tee Up for the Trust Golf Tournament

When: Aug. 11

Where: Pinestone Resort golf course

Robert Bateman will be a special guest at the

Submitted by: Haliburton Highlands Land Trust Minden & District Horticultural Society 37th **Annual Flower Show "Carnival of colours"**

When: Friday, Aug. 12, 7 to 9 p.m., opening ceremonies at 7:15 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 13, 10 a.m.

Where: Minden Community Centre, 55 Park Street, Minden

Admission is \$7 and includes refreshments and lots of door prizes.

Campfire Concert Series with David Archibald and Three Musketeers Youth Musical Group

Presented by Minden Hills Cultural Centre Foundation

When: Saturday, Aug. 13, 2 p.m. special children's concert, 7:30 p.m. Evening concert with campfire, beer garden

Where: Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Cost: By Donation. Children are free at the 2 p.m. concert. Bring your lawn chairs, sit back and be entertained Canadian singer/songwriter David Archibald as he sings about Canada including songs about our county. Find out more at www. davidarchibald.com. There will also be a special performance the youth musical group The Three Musketeers. A beer garden will be in operation

during the evening concert. All proceeds will support Minden Hills Cultural Centre Programming. **Highland Tea** When: Saturday, Aug. 13, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Where: St. Peter's Anglican Church, Maple Lake A Highlands Tea Room is available featuring an old fashioned Scottish Tea, homemade scones, strawberry jam, dainty sandwiches and sweets with

gluten free available too!

Adults \$10, children four to 12, \$4, children under four free

Visitors can shop for handmade crafts, knitting and attic treasures. We are also featuring Sharon Luke of Highland Treasures featuring items made with our own Haliburton Tartan.

Carnival livens the village

community news

wilberforce

Hilda Clark _448-2018

Pleasant weather and a long weekend brought many to summer homes and cottages in this area. A good time for gatherings of friends and families.

Comments from relatives here for this Civic Holiday weekend: "Nice to see and hear the excitement as the ferris wheel, the Scrambler, the bouncy castle and Spider Man Spin brought screams of delight and some fright."

"The smell of hamburgers and onions was good as the firefighters cooked up a storm." And those firefighters are to be thanked for getting this Summer Carnival going. Do hope Old Fire Truck No. 1 will benefit greatly from their efforts.

"Nate and Connor (age nine and four) along with we parents and grandparents were really intrigued as we watched the trains chugging around their tracks."

Doug Stephen and Dan Linkert had fine model railway

set-ups in the curling rink. Do hope everyone noticed and appreciated that the work on that floor had been

completed in time for this event and the Ag Fair.

And regarding Saturday night's concert and dance at the arena, some younger folks commented: "We had fun.

The music of TrainwreckX was good. We saw some old friends and got safely home – on foot."

The line-ups for ice cream at Agnew's continued all weekend. Overheard comment: "Can't believe all the flavours they have. Must be over 20!"

Fish were caught, lawns were trimmed, lakes and rivers enjoyed, some geocaching treasures found, some heritage quilt tickets sold and barbecues enjoyed. A good weekend in "the 'Force."

Take a deep breath and get ready for the agricultural fair in just a few days: Aug. 5 and 6. Lots of different fun and experiences coming up at that.

A week of culture

community news

west guilford

Eleanor Cooper 754-2278

My own activity in the past week included Canoe FM's annual potluck barbecue party for volunteers at the radio station. The venue was the home of Pauline and Ed Sharp where a few of us took advantage of the fine swimming pool – bliss on a hot day!

Tuesday evening saw us at the theatre for *The Judge*-

ment of Paris where we were entertained by the fine musicianship of Bryce Kubak, Patricia O'Callaghan, Kevin Fox, Lori Gemmell and Tom Allen who also starred as the narrator of the script depicting the life of Debussy

Then on Thursday we were entertained again at the theatre by the performance of *Old Love* with actors Dylan Worth, Jenny Austin and our own Sue Black and Brian Kipping who delivered their roles so well.

Saturday saw the arrival of daughter Beth and my sisters June and Mavis to celebrate early in a family birthday party for me.

Congratulations to Tristen Cook and Davis Reynolds and big brothers Brantley, on the arrival of a bouncing baby boy Charley Allen weighing in at 7 lbs. 1 oz. on July 25. Proud grandparents are Allan and Heidi Cook and Louie and Lori Reynolds. Euchre scores:

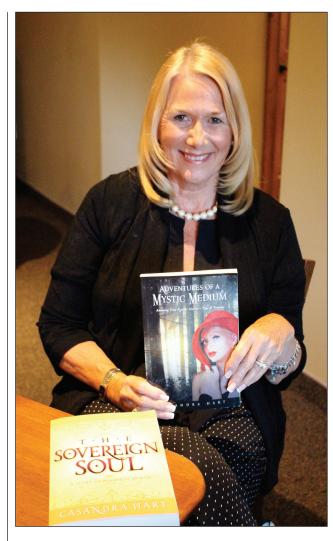
High - Mille Payne and Irv Handley

Low - Pat Smyth and John Payne

Most Lone Hands - Cliff Davison and Shirley McDow-

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Tall Pine Tales inspires

Local author and psychic Casandra Hart was one of many writers at the fourth annual Tall Pine Tales on July 20 hosted by the Cottage Country Writers at the Community Room on Highway 118. Master of ceremonies Jim Poling Sr., former native affairs writer for Canadian Press and author of several books, said there's "creative spirit everywhere" in Haliburton. The writers from the Haliburton Highlands and Muskoka will be sharing more tall tales this summer. For more information, contact Wendie Donabie at 705-646-3663. ANGELA LONG

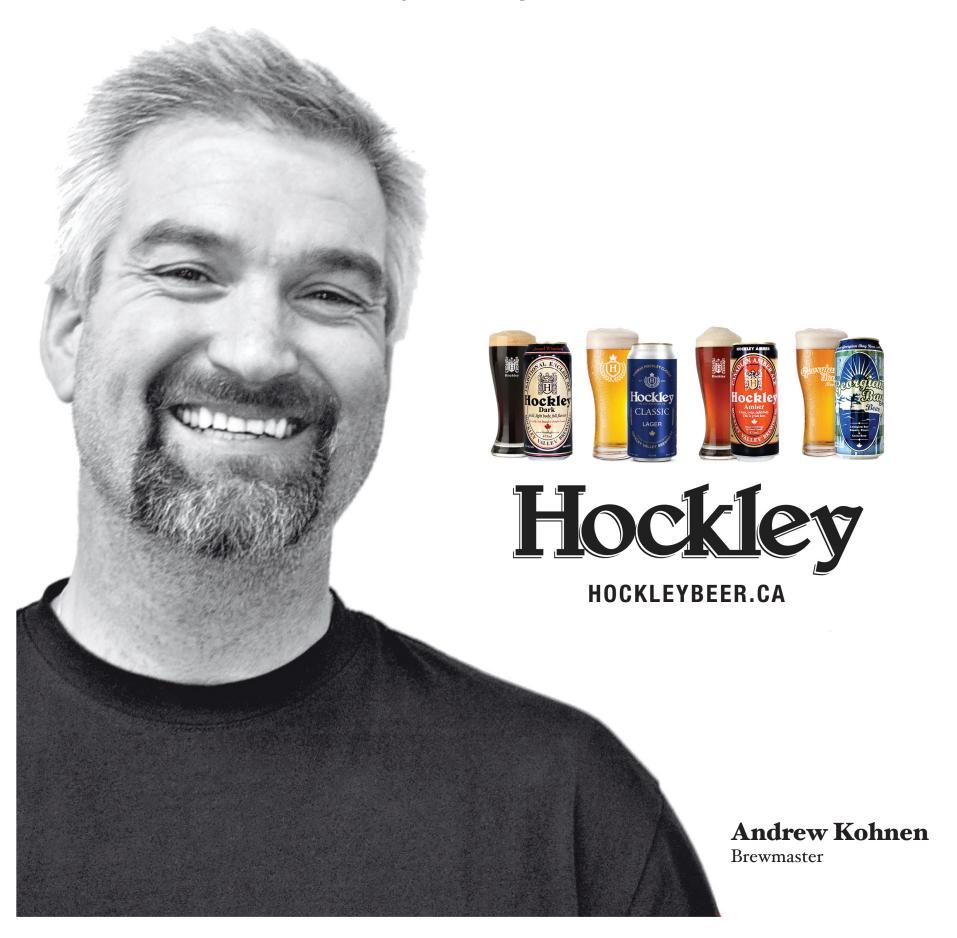


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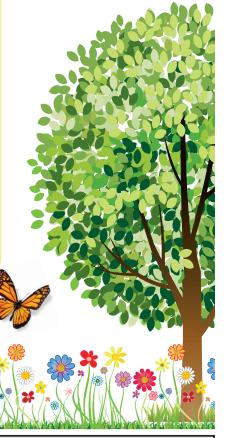
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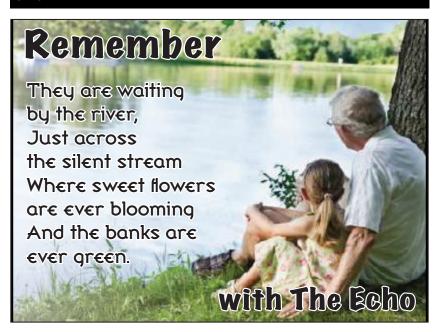
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Joanne Valentine (nee Conlon)



It is with profound sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Joanne Valentine (nee Conlon) on July 11, 2016 in her 81st year while visiting her special cousin Anna May (Doug) Jackson in Georgia.

Beloved wife and best friend of Robert Valentine for 60 years. Loving mother of Dale (Bernee), Rob-Anne (Peter) Vanderhout, Vicki (Earl) Davis. Much loved Grandma of Robbie

(Danyka), Megan, Mark, Andrew, Michelle (Andrew) & Larissa. Very special Gigi to Layla & Alanna. She will also be missed by her sisters and brothers Tom (Valerie) Conlon, Honey (Carol) Meloni, Jim (Sandra) Conlon & Dolly (Clicker) Taylor, sisters in law Lois Schenck & Joan Baird as well as many nieces and nephews and countless remarkable friends. Predeceased by her sister Shirley Paterson, brothers Joe (Lorraine) Conlon, Tim (Ann) Conlon and sister in law Margaret Christensen. Joanne loved to spend the winters at their condo in Florida, having happy hours with old and new friends alike.

She was an avid golfer, enjoyed boat rides on Mountain Lake and especially spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. As an expression of sympathy, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Society, Heart & Stroke or a charity of your choice.

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